

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2013-25-C

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| Re: Application of Custom Tel, LLC for a |) | |
| Certificate of Public Convenience and |) | |
| Necessity to Provide Local Exchange |) | PETITION TO INTERVENE |
| Telecommunications Services and for |) | OUT OF TIME |
| Flexible Regulation. |) | |
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In response to the Commission's Notice of Filing and Hearing of the Application of Custom Tel, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and for flexible regulation in the State of South Carolina, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") submits the within Petition to Intervene Out of Time in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission that:

1. SCTC is a coalition of local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
2. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record insofar as its interests might appear.
3. SCTC's individual member companies provide local exchange telephone service within their respective geographic service areas. SCTC's position in this docket is that statewide certification of new entrant local exchange telecommunications service providers is not appropriate and is not in the public interest. The Application, as currently drafted, would potentially impact each of the SCTC member companies and, therefore, the SCTC has an interest in this proceeding.

4. SCTC believes that its participation in this docket is necessary to protect the interests of its member companies and to provide the Commission with additional input on how the Application will affect the telecommunications industry.

5. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding was February 22, 2013, and, due to inadvertence, SCTC did not become aware of this proceeding until after the return date had passed. Because of the SCTC's justifiable interest in this proceeding, and the fact that the deadline for intervention has passed by only three (3) business days, good cause exists for the Commission to allow this intervention out of time and other parties will not be prejudiced as a result of the Commission granting this request.

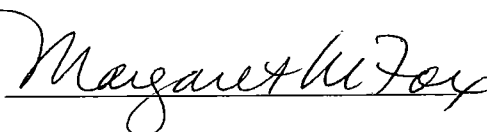
6. Attorneys for SCTC have consulted with counsel for Custom Tel and he does not object to this Petition.

6. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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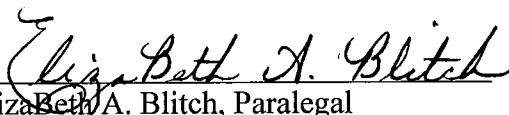
**CERTIFICATE OF
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I, ElizaBeth A. Blich, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene Out of Time upon the following parties of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid to:

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